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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants note with appreciation the indication from the Examiner that claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have rewritten claims 2 and 5 in independent form and respectfully submit that these claims are now in allowable form. Furthermore, claims 3 and 6 are dependent on claims 2 and 5, respectively, and are also in allowable form. Applicants have also cancelled rejected claims 1, 4, and 7-10. Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments.

Applicants respectfully submit that all the claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all rejections. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. If any minor formalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is directed to contact the undersigned attorney or Andrew T. Meunier by telephone to facilitate prosecution of this case.

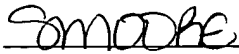
It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cynthia V. Hall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cynthia" and last name "Hall" being clearly legible.

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